

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION

No. 5:24-cv-724-M

JEFFERSON GRIFFIN,	)
	)
Petitioner,	)
	)
v.	)
	)
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF	)
ELECTIONS,	)
	)
Respondent.	)

**PETITIONER’S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Based on the facts established by the verified Petition for Writ of Prohibition, D.E. 1-4 at 1-85; *see also id.* at 86 (“Verification of Counsel”), and the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum, Petitioner Judge Jefferson Griffin respectfully requests that this Court enter, not later than January 6, 2025<sup>1</sup>, a preliminary injunction prohibiting Respondent from certifying the election results for the November 2024 general election for Seat 6 of the North Carolina Supreme Court until the merits of Petitioner’s Petition are decided, either by this Court or, if the case is remanded, by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Prior to filing this motion with the Court, Petitioner conferred with Respondent regarding whether the parties could avoid the necessity of this Motion by consenting to a stay of the certification of the election results pending resolution of these judicial proceedings. Respondent refused to consent to that request.

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<sup>1</sup> Alternatively, if the Board issues its order denying Judge Griffin’s remaining protests on a date later than December 23, 2024, that the Court issue a preliminary injunction at least 24 hours prior to the date on which the Board will issue the certificate of election.

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*\*Local Rule 83.1(d) special appearance  
forthcoming*

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 23, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing Petitioner's Motion for Preliminary Injunction with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing all parties.

/s/ Mark M. Rothrock  
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